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SUBJ: ARMED FORCES REQUEST POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS

1. ARMED FORCES PRESENTED PRESIDENT BANZER WITH POLITICAL DOCUMENT DECEMBER 4, REQUESTING POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS UNTIL "ADEQUATE POLITICAL CLIMATE AND THE TOTAL EXECUTION OF THE MINIMAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS OF THE NATIONALIST GOVERNMENT" HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED. DOCUMENT ALSO SUGGESTS THAT BANZER GOVERNMENT BROADEN FPN TO INCLUDE "CONSCIENTIOUS CITIZENS WISHIMDG TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE BOLIVIAN PEOPLE," WHILE ACCEPTING WITHDRAWAL FROM FPN OF THOSE POLITICAL GROUPS WHICH PLACE "SECTARIAN OR PERSONAL INTERESTS "BEFORE THOSE OF GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE. POLITICAL DOCUMENT IS SIGNED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE, CHIEFOF GENERAL STAFF AND COMMANDERS OF ARMY, NAVY AND AIR FORCE.

2. COMMENT: VIEWS EXPRESSED BY ARMED FORCES IN THIS DOCUMENT, ALTHOUGH PRESENTED AS "SUGGESTIONS" TO PRESIDENT BANZER, OBVIOUSLY CARRY GREAT POLITICAL WEIGHT AND WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ANY PRESIDENT OF BOLIVIA TO IGNORE. IN ANY EVENT, BANZER HIMSELF HAS BEEN REPORTED BY MANY SOURCES TO BE CONSIDERING POSTPONEMENT OF ELECTIONS OVER PAST TWO MONTHS. PRESENTATION OF ARMED FORCES DOCUMENT, AND ITS PUBLICATION IN DAILY PRESS, MAY THUS AFFORD BANZER CONVENIENT OPPORTUNITY TO ADOPT
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